

## **STAFF REPORT**

**TO:** Community Services Committee  
**FROM:** Manager Community Services  
**DATE:** 7 May 2007  
**SUBJECT:** Aorere Centre

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### **PURPOSE/REASON FOR REPORT**

To advise Council of the progress with the above Centre and to request approval for the "up to \$10,000.00" grant to be approved.

### **BACKGROUND**

In the 2006/07 Annual Plan a sum of up to \$10,000.00 was provided towards the construction of the above Centre, however the resolution approving this grant included the requirement that it be referred back to Council for final approval.

Over the last few months the Aorere Centre advocates have been finalising the plans and costings of the Centre and at the same time they have been obtaining the resource and building consents.

The Manager Property has also been answering enquiries from the Ombudsmen and the Collingwood Museum Trust's solicitor and therefore, before any work can commence, these two enquiries will need to be finalised.

### **COMMENT/DISCUSSION**

The Trust have provided a detailed budget for the project totalling \$52,600.00 and have indicated that with the Council's proposed \$10,000.00 they are only a few thousand short. Should sufficient funds not be on hand when the Centre is built some of the internal fitout would be held back until they had the required funds.

As is normally the case, some funding agencies have said to come back once the construction commences.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That the \$10,000.00 grant to the Aorere Centre be approved for payment once the building has been commenced.

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